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INFO AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

C O N F I D E N T I A L SEOUL 10607

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDIP KE NS KS

SUBJ: KOREAN REPRESENTATION SEYCHELLES

REF: A. NAIROBI 15868, B. VICTORIA 0747

1. PENDING FULLER REPORT FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN NAIROBI, ROK MOFA DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTES SEYCHELLES' CANCELLATION OF ROK AMBASSADOR'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS TO INTERVENTION BY NORTH KOREAN EAMBASSADOR IN DAR ES SALAAM (LATTER'S VISIT TO VICTORIA MENTIONED REFTEL A). THIS THEY SEE AS CONSISTENT WITH THE COLD SHOULDER THEY HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOS SINCE JUNE COUP.

2. ROK INTEREST IN SEYCHELLES HAS TO DO WITH ACQUIRING PORT FACILITIES FOR ROK FISHING FLOTILLA (MUCH OF ROK TUNA FLEET IS NOT SERVICED BY FACTORY SHIPS, THUS CATCH MUST BE DISCHARGED AND SHIPS REVICTUALLED ASHORE), WHILE SEEING SAME FACILITIES DENIED SOVIET NAVY LEST LATTER MENACE TANKER ROUTES. MOFA PERCEIVES GOS AS PREOCCUPIED WITH DEVELOPMENT, INTERESTED IN FOREIGN RELATIONS ONLY AS A DEVICE TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT, AID, ECONOMIC COOPERATION. THESE ARE SUBJECTS ROK AMBASSADOR APPARENTLY EXPECTED TO DISCUSS  
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ON VISIT TO VICTORIA. THOUGH AWARE OF PRESENTLY COZY GOS-PRC RELATIONS (WITH NORTH KOREA RIDING PRC'S COATTAILS), MOFA PINS ITS HOPES ON GOS' EVENTUAL WILLINGNESS TO DISREGARD IDEOLOGICAL DISTINCTIONS IN QUEST OF AID. THOUGH CONCERNED BY RECENT REBUFF AND POSSIBLE NORTH KOREAN INFLUENCE, MOFA IS PATIENT AND OPTIMISTIC. THEY DO NOT PERCEIVE THE INTENSITY OF GOS' IRRATION

OVER FISHERIES ISSUE INDICATED IN REFTEL B.

3. APPROVAL IS REQUESTED TO PASS TO MOFA INFORMATION  
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